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Group Art Unit 2837

In re

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Brian Thomas Branecky, et al..

Application No. 10/662,052

Confirmation No. 8331

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“FIXED SPEED DRIVE”

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

- Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
	TOTAL CLAIMS	52	MINUS	52	0	X \$18	0.00
	INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	4	2	X \$86	172.00
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT ----□		172.00	

A check in the amount of \$172.00 is attached.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

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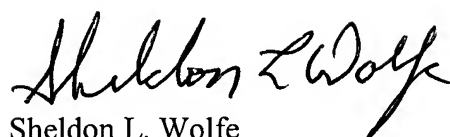
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sheldon L. Wolfe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheldon" being more prominent and the last name "Wolfe" following in a similar style.

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